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Honorable State Representative Gary Howell
Chairman, House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation
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Sent Via Email (mwingrove@house.mi.gov)

Re: Part 115 bill package HB 4454—4461 Coalition Concerns and Proposed Revisions

Dear Chairman Howell,

The **Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Manufacturers Association, Grand Rapids and Lansing Chambers of Commerce**, representing thousands of employers of all sizes and types in all 83 Michigan counties, along with the **Michigan Waste and Recycling Association**, representing businesses and municipalities that provide waste- and recycling-related services, write today to thank you and members of the committee for your work to move the Part 115 bills forward this year. These bills are necessary to modernize Michigan's waste handling statutes and advance state recycling and environmental protection goals.

We want to share our continued concern for two provisions that remain contained and unaddressed in HB 4461 as you prepared to move the bills from committee this week.

Specifically, we are concerned about the impact that passage of the bills containing provisions related to pre-emption and adjacent community control, as written, would have on state goals, operations and costs.

We would like to work with House members to resolve these concerns as the bill advances.

Overall, we support the policy goals that bill sponsors, EGLE and stakeholders are looking to achieve, including the emphasis on improving Michigan's recycling rates and material reuse.

While we support the spirit of these efforts, we want to ensure these bills work for businesses to achieve the desired outcomes without excessive regulation.

We realize that a tremendous amount of time and effort has gone into reforming this bill package and recognize the importance of updating the Michigan solid waste rules. These bills present an important policy opportunity for Michigan. We seek policies that provide clarity and certainty for our members – as we operate our businesses in a highly regulated and competitive environment.

We look forward to being able to fully support the bill package before it advances to the Senate.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mike Alaimo at (517) 281-1336 or malaimo@michamber.com.

Sincerely,

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